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THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" (a) Thirty-one.

" (b) In eighteen cases."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Have the Government the right to take away what they have not given? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I do not catch the Member."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Have the Government the right to take away life which they have not given and, therefore, is the capital punishment justifiable? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Much has been said about this, Sir. At present, we have a right to consider the matter in connection with mercy petitions."

Grant of pattas of Government banjar lands in Anantapur district.

* 300 Q.—SRI T. NAGI REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Adi-Andhras of Vajrakarur, Ganjikunta, Pyapili, Kothapalli villages of Anantapur district, are not yet given pattas of Government banjar lands which they have been cultivating for over a decade; and

(b) if so, why they have not been given pattas?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) & (b) The Government have no information in the matter but have called for the same from the Collector and his reply is awaited."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, I have so far given notice of four or five questions and it is unfortunate that only one of them has been answered properly. About the rest, no information is available with the Government. All the same, Sir, may I request the Minister to see that steps are taken to prevent the eviction of these Harijans from the lands which they have been cultivating for the last ten years and to issue them pattas immediately? Will he bear in mind that not one of these people has been given a patta and not only that, they are also mercilessly thrown out of the lands? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" As far as the law allows, I shall certainly see that the sivoijamadars are not illegally ousted."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" May I know the law, Sir? Here is a law which is simple and clear. The sivoijamadars are allowed to cultivate the lands and those who have been cultivating them should not be evicted. That is the simple law in existence. All the same, may I bring to the notice of the Hon. the Minister for Revenue that in almost all the districts and especially in the Anantapur district,

some one thousand cases are pending with the Collector for the issue of pattas, and will the Government see that they are given pattas and evictions stopped? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir, I shall try to accelerate the pace of the work."

Headquarters Hospital, Badagara.

* 301 Q.—SRI E. K. SANKARA VARMA RAJA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was any proposal with the Government to shift the present site of the headquarters hospital at Badagara in Kurumbranad taluk to any other convenient place within the limits of the Badagara Panchayat Board ; and

(b) if so, the reason for delay in executing the proposal?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The answer is in the negative.

" (b) Does not arise."

Salary and allowances of the police constables.

* 302 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether the Government have got any proposals to increase the salary and allowances of the police constables?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" No, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. the Chief Minister whether any representations have been received from associations of policemen in this connexion? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I have not seen or looked into any representations and so I cannot answer this question. All that I am able to say is that there have been many revisions of their pay and finally, there was a revision and that was confirmed very recently. No change is now proposed."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" A police constable gets the ordinary rate of allowance of twelve annas per day as daily allowance and if he travels outside the district, gets one rupee . . ."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I would request the hon. Member to proceed slowly."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware of the high cost of living and the need to increase the salaries and allowances of petty Government servants like the police constable and will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to reconsider this question and increase their allowances and salaries? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The Government are very particular to have the loyalty of the Police force